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Superintendent's News

Todd Reeves, Superintendent

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Greetings!

Though it's the middle of the summer, there's been plenty happening at the school in preparation for the 06-07 school year and beyond. Though many of us are fitting in our vacations around other responsibilities, there's been plenty happening to keep us all busy.

WASL Scores: In early June, last year's sophomores received WASL scores for Reading, Writing and Math only. Any remaining scores for sophomores and all other students will be released at a later date. WSD will be using the results of student test scores as we realign curriculums and instructional strategies to bring about improved test scores.

Math Curriculum Adoption: Our math instructors and an educational consultant worked diligently over the course of the past year to identify a school-wide math curriculum that would best meet the needs of our students. As with the reading curriculum that was implemented this past year, we know no curriculum is the complete answer for academic success - a good curriculum is a very poor substitute for inspired students, inspired teachers, and inspired parents. But a good curriculum is a necessary component of a revitalized school.

Nonetheless, before we formally present the curriculum to the Board of Trustees for approval, we want to obtain parent input on the curricular materials. Thus, we're looking forward to sharing this information with you during Registration Day.

Registration Day: Since we're on the subject, you should know that we're working now on the planning of Registration Day, taking into account feedback we received during previous Registration Days to make the day as relaxing and enjoyable as possible. We're strategizing how to limit the amount of time parents stand in line so they can spend more time enjoying the picnic atmosphere. Remember: the best way to avoid the lines is to fill out all forms early!

Literacy Faire: Much hard work has been devoted to the planning of the Literacy Faire that is currently being held at WSD. Aside from the nice "welcome back" that we extend to our students who will be with us for their summer school experience, we're also fortunate to have a large number of participants who are experiencing WSD for the first time. This furthers our mission to serve well all Deaf and hard of hearing students, whether or not they're enrolled at WSD or their local school district. We hope all the participants increase their academic skills, have fun and enjoy their experience at WSD.

Sprucing Up the Campus: Many thanks go to our Maintenance and Custodial staffs for diligently working around all the new activity this summer. Normally, our Custodial staff has the opportunity to deep clean classrooms and residential cottages during the summer months, when they're normally completely unoccupied. This year, more summertime student activities limit our Custodial staff's opportunity for deep cleaning. Certainly, our successes this summer are in large measure due to their creativity and flexibility.

Also, during Registration Day, hopefully you'll see some new campus improvements completed. Some new fencing has replaced old, corroded fencing along the west border. A new parking lot replaces a vacant business office in the southwest corner of the campus. And a new indoor play area is being constructed in the basement of McDonald Cottage in anticipation of some dreary, rainy days this coming winter.

But we don't have to think of the rainy days now. Now is good time to take in the sunshine and cherish the summer.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Parent Staff Organization

The Parent Staff

Organization is dedicated
to offering support for
Washington School for the
Deaf students.

Dawn Smith, President

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REMINDER

REGISTRATION DAY
SEPTEMBER 4, 2006

Internet Safety



"Don't ever give out your password, except to responsible adults in your family."

Further information pertaining to internet safety is available at these two federal websites:

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/inter/tips.html> and
<http://www.fbi.gov/publications/pguide/pguidee.htm>.

These sites provide excellent resources and advice pertaining to internet safety.

Reminder! Sports Camp

It's **NOT** too late to Register!

Internet Safety

Lori Dunsmore, Principal

These safety tips are provided for families from www.kidsgetnetwise.org. For the upcoming 2006-2007 academic year, WSD is in the process of providing instructional support for students to teach them about internet safety. Further details will be provided.

Safety Tips for Kids

Here are some Safety Tips to help kids online. Talk about these tips with your family. You might have one or two of your own to add!

Don't give out information about yourself like your last name, your phone number, where you live, or where you go to school - without asking your parents first.

Never e-mail a picture of yourself to strangers.

If somebody says something to you, sends you something, or you see something that makes you uncomfortable, don't look around or explore; get your parents instead - they know what to do.

Making plans to meet your Internet buddies in real life is usually a really bad idea - how people are in real life can be very different from how they are online. If you decide to do it anyway, have your Mom or Dad help make the plans and go with you.

Don't open up e-mails, files, or Web pages that you get from people you don't really know or trust.

Don't ever give out your password, except to responsible adults in your family.

Always follow your family's rules for the Internet - they're there to make sure you have fun and stay safe online.

Don't ever do anything that could cost your family money unless your parents are there to help you do it.



Safety Tips for Families

Here are some Safety Tips to help you think about online safety for your family.

Use the Internet with your kids. While you're spending time with them, you can help them to be safe and responsible online. Learn about the technology together, ask lots of questions, and don't be intimidated if it seems like your kids have a better understanding of the technology than you. Remember, it's your family, and you have the power and responsibility to keep an eye on what your kids are doing.

Teach kids never to give their personal information to people they meet online, especially in chat rooms and on bulletin boards. If you have a family web site with your children's pictures up, don't include information like where they go to school, where you live, your phone number, or any other personally identifiable information -- that's giving personal information out every bit as much as sending an e-mail or talking to someone in a chat room.

Instruct your child never to plan a face-to-face meeting with online acquaintances, and to notify you if they are approached for an offline meeting. Establish clear ground rules for Internet use for your family. Think about signing a Contract with your children that reflects those rules. Learn about the different parental control tools, protective software, and controlled access options that are available, and decide which, if any, are best for your needs.

Tell your children not to respond if they receive offensive or dangerous e-mail, chat requests, or other communications, and to leave if they go to a web site that makes them uncomfortable.

Also tell them to show you anything they receive that makes them uncomfortable. Assuring them that you won't be angry with them and that they are not to blame can help you to develop a trusting, open relationship. If you become worried that your child or another child is in danger, don't hesitate to contact the [authorities](#).

For additional resources, check out SafeKids.Com, www.kidsgetnetwise.org

Athletics

Larry Cole, Residential Program Supervisor

We are looking forward to Sports Camp, August 20-26, 2006. Remember that drop-off time is after 5:00pm on August 20 - no dinner will be provided that evening. Pick up time is 12:00pm, noon on Saturday August 26. In addition to the athletic programming, activities we have planned are: going to a Beavers baseball game, going to Vancouver Mall, and a pizza night. Be sure your student brings \$11.00 for baseball, \$5.00 for pizza, and spending money for the Mall and snack bar.

We want to be sure that our students have the most updated and safe equipment and feel good about the WSD uniforms they put on. This year our football team is getting new shoulder pads, and helmets. The volleyball team will be getting new uniforms. We hope you get a chance to come to our games and see exciting new things.

Don't forget to mark you calendars for Homecoming this year. It will be on Saturday, September 30th. We are playing against our long-time friendly rivals, the Oregon School for the Deaf. WSD is looking to break the losing streak against Oregon. This will be the year! We will also have a spaghetti feed after the football game in our cafeteria. Don't miss the action and the opportunity to socialize with many parents and friends.

For more information contact Larry Cole @360-696-6525 x4370 or larry.cole@wsd.wa.gov

Nurse Notes

Becky Munson, Nurse



Play it Safe in the Summer!!

Summer is a time for vacation and play. Make the fun last by playing safely.

- Sunscreen! Slather everyone up 30 minutes before going out in the sun. Reapply after swimming or sweating. New spray mist sunscreens make it easier to apply than ever before!
- Wear hats and light clothing to further protect your skin.
- Supervision! Watch those kids especially any time they are near or in water. Life jackets for everyone in the boat and for children wading in the ocean or streams and rivers—strong undercurrents can knock kids off their feet in just a foot of water.
- Security! Teach your children to respect and follow the rules for using personal watercraft and boats. The age requirement is meant to save the lives of children too small to control them safely.

"Wear hats and light clothing to further protect your skin."



"In the long view, no nation is healthier than its children."

President Harry Truman, on signing the 1946 National School Lunch Act

USDA, National School Lunch Program

Chuck McCarthy, Financial Operations Administrator

School Lunch

Now is the time to update!

WSD participates in the USDA's National School Lunch Program. Applications for Free or Reduced Lunches need to be updated every year.

Please remember to return your completed forms, which are included in the registration packets (even if you don't think you will qualify) so that we can be sure everyone has reviewed them.

If you have questions, please contact Kay Pedisich at kay.pedisich@wsd.wa.gov or tty/nxi/voice at (360)696-6525 ext 0417.

Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI)

Nancy Sinkovitz, Residential Program Supervisor

For over a decade WSD staff has followed the practices of the Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) when managing student behaviors. Using CPI techniques has greatly reduced the number of aggressive and violent behaviors as well as provided a safer environment for students and staff.

One of the CPI techniques WSD staff uses regularly is setting limits with students. Setting limits is an alternative to giving ultimatums.

What Is a Limit?

Setting a limit is not the same as issuing an ultimatum. For example, if your child won't clean up his/her room:

- Ultimatum: "If you don't clean up your room you cannot go to the basketball game tonight."
- Setting limits: "If you clean up your room you can go to the basketball game tonight. If you don't clean up your room you will not be able to go. It's your decision."

Ultimatums are "do it or else" situations and usually end up in power struggles. Setting limits allows your child to make choices. Limits need to be clear, simple and enforceable.

"Setting limits is an alternative to giving ultimatums."



CPI's Five-Step Approach to Setting Limits

1. Explain which behavior is inappropriate.

Be specific about what behavior is not acceptable.

2. Explain why the behavior is inappropriate.

Don't assume your child knows why his/her behavior is not acceptable.

3. Give reasonable choices with consequences.

Instead of issuing ultimatums tell your child what his/her choices are and what the consequences of those choices will be. Consequences that are logical and related to the behavior are most effective. For example, if a child refuses to pick up his/her toys a logical consequence would be to put the toys away for a period of time so he/she cannot play with them.

4. Allow time

It is best to allow your child a few moments to make his/her decision.

5. Be prepared to enforce your consequences.

It is never a good idea to set a limit that you cannot or will not enforce. Limit setting is meaningless if you don't consistently enforce consequences.

Setting limits is a powerful tool for teaching children appropriate behavior. Their purpose is not to show who's boss, but to give children respect, guidance and a feeling of security.

Literacy Faire

Nikki Ekle, Program Coordinator

This summer the first annual *Literacy Faire* was held at WSD for students from every corner of Washington State.

Nikki Ekle and Patrick Fischer headed up the amazing staff that provided an opportunity for students from around the state to enjoy reading, learning and putting on the drama production "*The Lion The Witch and the Wardrobe*".

The days were made up of reading and writing with vocabulary activities. Afternoons and evenings students played games, and had fun outings. The last day we had a great BBQ and drama production by all of the students who participated in the nine day event. Total Immersion High School Students provided shadow interpreting and did a fabulous job under the direction of Denise Marychild.

Parents and students had many positive things to say about the professional staff and excellent program offered during the nine days students were here.

Highlights included a theatrical performance put on in only one week for family and friends on the last day of camp; parents sending post cards to campers; students playing games and having fun outings; parents touring the facility; and families laughing and talking together.

One remark was "Parents were thrilled, kids made some new friendships, and of all the parents I talked to, everyone had suggestions how to make it bigger and better next year. I heard a real buy-in from all the parents."

We are looking forward to the Literacy Faire 2007! The theme has not been firmed up for next year, but the activities will be similar with reading, fun and a play. Keep your eyes open for information about next year's activities.

Literacy Fairz Camp
Washington School for the Deaf
Vancouver, Washington
July 13-22, 2006



Literacy Fairez Camp 2006
Participants

WSDAA Reunion

Friday, August 11

-Registration

-Social

Saturday, August 12

-Class Reunion

-Banquet

-Social

Sunday, August 13

-Homecoming Picnic

Combo Ticket Prices

Early Bird by February 1-----\$65

Regular by July 31-----\$70

At the door-----\$75

For information on non-combo prices Contact Carey Price
wsdad@wsd.wa.gov

Washington School for the Deaf Association Alumni (WSDAA)

Carey Price, 2nd Vice-President & Reunion Chairperson

The "Big Reunion" is just around the corner (August 11 - 13th)! Alumni from all over the United States will be in attendance. We even have an exchange student who attended WSD in the 60's coming all the way from Finland!

WSDAA members have been busy this summer working on the museum getting it ready for the reunion. We have a wonderful array of items including pictures, slides, yearbooks, sports memorabilia, and much, much more! If you are here during the reunion be sure to stop by the museum and take a tour.

WSDAA is proud to be involved in many activities at WSD such as the Western States Basketball Classic (WSBC) and Haunted House.

Each year our organization also awards a WSD graduate with a scholarship to assist them with college tuition.

If you have any questions regarding WSDAA or the "Big Reunion" in August, please contact me at:

wsdad@wsd.wa.gov or
 Carey Price, WSDAA
 Washington School for the Deaf
 611 Grand Blvd.
 Vancouver, WA 98661.

*Are you interested
 in having an
 Exhibit/Sale booth
 at the 2006
 WSDAA Reunion?*

**Exhibit/Sale booths
 will be on
 Sunday
 August 13, 2006
 during the picnic.**



**WSDAA Reunion Registration
 available online at:
www.wsd.wa.gov**

WSD Registration

September 4, 2006

Washington School for the Deaf

REGISTRATION DAY

Monday, September 4, 2006

This year we will be adopting a new Math Curriculum. If you have time, please stop by and learn about the recommended math curriculum in the cafeteria.

1:00 - 2:00 pm	Math Curriculum (Cafeteria)
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Picnic
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Registration** (Clarke Hall)
3:00 pm	Cottages Open

*** Russian, Spanish and ASL Interpreters will be available*

If you have mailed your completed packet prior to registration day, participation in registration is not necessary.
You may still participate in the picnic lunch.

If you have any questions contact:
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Sports Calendar

Fall Athletics 2006

Terrier Football

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
9/14/06	Easton/Thorp	4:00pm	Away
9/21/06	Country Christian	4:00pm	Home
9/30/06	OSD (Homecoming)	2:00pm	Home
10/5/06	Eddyville	4:00pm	Away
10/11/06	Lopez Island	12:00pm	Away
10/19/06	Easton/Thorp	4:00pm	Home
10/26/06	Lopez Island	2:00pm	Away
11/02/06	Mansfield	3:00pm	Home

Terrier Football Staff
Head Coach - Larry Burns
Assistant Coach - Dean Caton

Lady Terrier Volleyball

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
9/11/06	Vancouver Christian	3:00pm	Away
9/11/06	Country Christian	4:30pm	Away
9/11/06	VC vs. CCJV	6:00pm	Away
9/11/06	VC vs. CC V	7:30pm	Away
9/14/06	OSD	6:00pm	Home
9/19/06	Vancouver Christian	7:00pm	Home
9/21/06	Hockinson	7:00pm	Home
9/26/06	Columbia Adventist	5:30pm	Home
9/28/06	Cascade Locks	5:00pm	Home
10/3/06	Kings Way	7:00pm	Home
10/5/06	Cascade Locks	5:00pm	Away
10/9/06	Vancouver Christian	7:00pm	Home
10/13-15/06	OSD	Tournament	Away
10/17/06	Kings Way	TBA	Away
10/19/06	Three Rivers Christian	7:00pm	Home
10/24/06	Columbia Adventist	5:30pm	Away
11/1/06	Three Rivers Christian	4:30pm	Away

Lady Terrier Volleyball Staff
Head Coach - Kim Bucha
Assistant Couch - Steve Poston

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